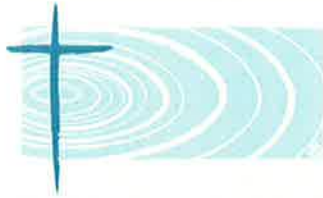


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RE: Ten-Year Rate System Review, Docket No. RM 2017-3

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, I urge you to consider the effect of increasing postage rates – particularly above the Consumer Price Index – to the people served by the more than 1.5 million nonprofit organizations in the United States.

The poor, the hungry, the homeless, the abused, and those suffering many other tragedies and injustices must have our help. The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, along with nearly all organizations in the U.S., rely on charitable donations to allow us to carry out our mission. Direct mail campaigns make up a significant part of our budgets. Approximately 75% of our income would be at risk.

Communication with donors that are not solicitations are also of great importance. We must share information with our donors so that they understand how their gifts are impacting our mission. We will find it difficult to solicit and share the outcomes of their generosity if we must pay more to do so.

Before making a postage rate increase above the rate of inflation, please consider how detrimental this would be to us and to the other nonprofit organizations, and ultimately to those with the greatest needs.

Most sincerely,

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